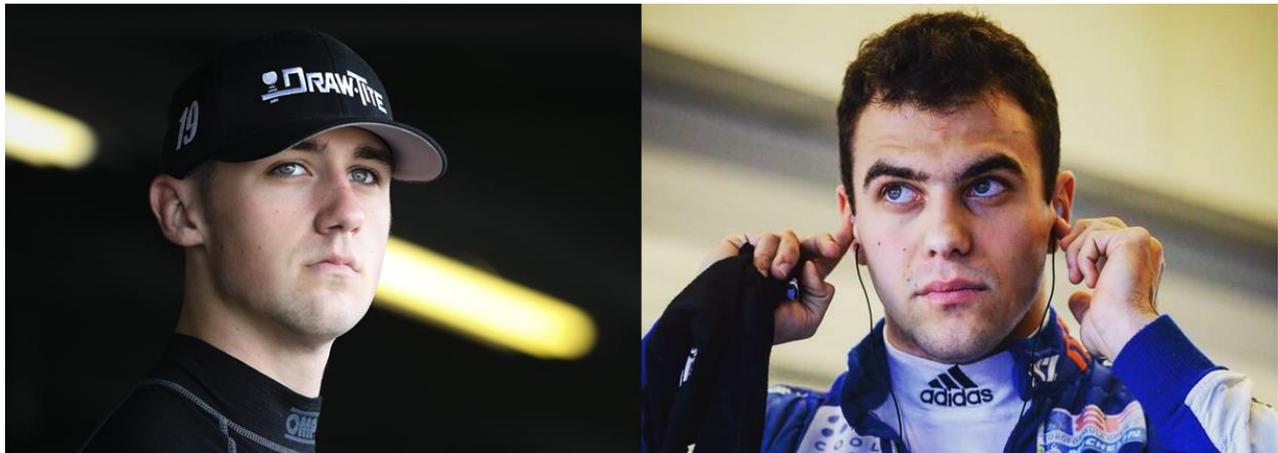




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Austin Cindric and 2017 Spanish F3 Champion Devlin DeFrancesco complete JDC-Miller MotorSports Rolex 24 at Daytona lineup in the team's No. 85 entry.



MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (December 29th, 2018) JDC-Miller MotorSports today confirmed 19-year-old Ohio native **Austin Cindric** and 17-year-old Canadian **Devlin DeFrancesco** will join previously announced Simon Trummer and Robert Alon, to complete the team's Rolex 24 at Daytona lineup in the No. 85 entry.

Cindric is one of the brightest and most versatile young American talents having already made starts in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship, Pirelli World Challenge, Red Bull Global Rallycross, and the NASCAR Xfinity Series. He spent most of his time in 2017 competing in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series where he finished 3rd in the championship and scored one win, one pole position and 17 top-ten finishes.

Cindric and Robert Alon were also teammates for the 2017 Rolex 24 at Daytona as part of the Lexus GTD manufacture program.

"It is no secret JDC-Miller MotorSports surprised a lot of people this year, showing that this group is more than capable of fighting with the big dogs. It will be my first race in a prototype, so I have plenty to learn and absorb from my teammates. It is an exciting time in IMSA to be in a prototype, racing for an overall win, and I'm grateful to be part of it." stated Cindric.



DeFrancesco, an open wheel standout and winner in the FIA European Formula 3 championship as well as the current 2017 Spanish Formula 3 champion, joins the team for his first run at the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona.

“I am looking forward for a great run with JDC-Miller Motorsports in the Daytona 24. Will be a pleasure to compete against some of the best drivers in the world and I am 100% focused to do a good job behind wheel of the **No. 85** Oreca. I want to say thank you to our partners that make it possible to join this team. Can't wait for the Roar and for the race weekend”, said the 2017 Spanish F3 champion.

“**Austin and Devlin are both enormous talents** and we are thrilled to have them join us in the **No. 85** for Daytona,” commented JDC-Miller MotorSports team Principal John Church.

“I have no doubt that both of them will familiarize themselves quickly with the ORECA 07 at the Roar and be up to speed in no time”.

The team recently announced a major partnership with GAINSCO Auto Insurance® for their two car program in 2018 as well as confirmed 2016 FIA World Endurance LMP2 and 24 Hours of LeMans Champion Gustavo Menezes as their 4th driver for the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona in the sister No. 99 Red Dragon™ car.

More news about JDC Miller MotorSports 2018 **IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship** program is expected to be released soon.



JDC-Miller MotorSports races with major partnership support of [GAINSCO Insurance](#) and [PSC Security](#) and associate sponsorship from [Hi-Tide Boat Lifts](#), [RedLineOil.com](#), Sabelt and [Justice Brothers, Inc.](#)

Additional information on JDC MotorSports can be obtained from the team's website @ www.jdcmotorsports.com
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About JDC MotorSports / JDC-Miller MotorSports:

Involved in formula car racing since its inception in 1994, JDC MotorSports originally founded by Minnesota natives John Church and Gerry Kraut, established itself as one of the leading junior open-wheel teams in North America before also becoming involved in IMSA SportsCar racing.

Kraut a Minnesota investment banker also competed with the team in numerous JDC open wheel and IMSA SportsCar programs and still races as a driver/owner on regular bases in the team's LMP 3 prototype program. He also was part of the team's first driver lineup during the 2014 12 Hours of Sebring, after the team made the move into the now called IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship under the entry JDC-Miller MotorSports.

Early success

Initially making its mark in the F2000 class of club racing competition, JDC MotorSports was soon a team worth watching in the pro ranks. Expanding into the Pro Mazda Championship in 2005, the Minnesota-based team remained focused on not only challenging for top honors, but also helping develop young drivers. Over the years, JDC MotorSports has won numerous races and championships.

JDC captured both the driver and team titles in the 2007 Star Mazda Championship, with Rookie of the Year Dane Cameron scoring a series-high three wins. The Minnesota-based team followed that up with a second Star Mazda Championship title with Rookie of the Year Adam Christodoulou, and the F2000 Championship Series title with Chris Miller in 2009.

JDC continued its winning ways one year later, earning the Rookie of the Year award in the Star Mazda Championship with Connor De Phillippi, and scoring a non-points win in the USF2000 National Championship with Misha Goikhberg.

The junior formula car standout secured its third Star Mazda Championship title in 2011 with Tristan Vautier, in addition to scoring a win in the USF2000 National Championship with Luke Ellery, as well as making its Prototype Lites Championship debut, earning five podium finishes.

In 2014 JDC MotorSports captured the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites driver and team champion with drivers Misha Goikhberg (2014 overall driver champion), Matt McMurry and JDC MotorSport owner and partner Gerry Kraut.

2014 was also the first year JDC MotorSports entered under JDC-Miller MotorSports with new program partner John Miller a program in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge class, finishing 4th at its maiden race the 12 hours of Sebring and scored its first podium finishing 3rd at Road America.



Re-writing IMSA history

JDC Motorsports added to the tally in 2015 with another team and driver championship in the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda Championship. But there was more to celebrate along the way than the championship. In the 2015 Prototype Lites season, JDC Motorsports won every race and pole position. They won 32 out of 33 IMSA prototype Lites races dating back to August 2014, which marked one of the more remarkable streaks in North American sports car racing.

In their second season competing in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge fulltime driver Misha Goikhberg finished 4th overall in 2015 prototype challenge class driver championship including three podiums and the team's first pole position at LimeRock Park.

In the 2016 season JDC-Miller MotorSports accomplished its biggest success so far winning the legendary Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and later the Long Beach Grand Prix. Misha Goikhberg and regular full season teammate Stephen Simpson finished 3rd in the overall IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype Challenge class driver championship. The team also finished 3rd in 2016 Tequila Patron North American endurance cup driver championship and 2nd in the Tequila Patron North American endurance cup team championship.

Additional to the success in the 2016 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, JDC secured the overall IMSA Prototype Lites driver championship with Clark Toppe, as well as the team and Masters Class championship with Joel Janco in 2016.

Current programs

In 2017 the team moved its JDC-Miller MotorSports program into the main Prototype class of the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship running an ORECA 07 Gibson WEC spec LMP2 prototype. After two consecutive 2nd place podium finishes and seven top five finishes overall, JDC-Miller MotorSports finished 4th in the overall driver and team point's championship which made the team the most successful non-manufacture LMP2-spec program in the series.

The team also campaigned a BMW 228i with drivers Michael Johnson and Stephen Simpson in the IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge and under the entry of JDC MotorSports with partner Gerry Kraut a multi-car program in the IMSA Prototype Challenge Championship.

2018 programs

For 2018 JDC-Miller MotorSports IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship program will expand to a full season two car program with a second ORECA 07 Gibson WEC spec LMP2 prototype.

In the IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge championship the team will move into the new TCR class campaigning at least one Audi RS3 LMS TCR for Michael Johnson and Stephen Simpson.

In addition the team will run several Ligier JSP3 LMP3 prototypes under the entry of JDC MotorSports with partner Gerry Kraut in the 2018 IMSA Prototype Challenge Championship.

As of today all JDC programs combined secured a total of 18 Championships, 58 wins, 56 Pole Position and 190 podiums.

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